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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

Durval RIBEIRO, et al.

Serial No. 09/702,750

Group Art Unit: 2841

Filed: November 1, 2000

Examiner: Unassigned

For: PLUG-IN MODULE FOR PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Continuation in the above identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status has been previously established.  
☐ Also attached: Preliminary Amendment with new claims added.  
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	14	-20	4	x \$9=	000
Independent Claims	4	-3	1	x \$40=	40.00
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$135.00					0.00
Filing Fee (Small Entity Status)					0.00
Assignment Fee					0.00
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$40.00</b>

- ☒ A check is enclosed in the amount of \$40.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.  
☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0436, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

12. (New) An apparatus for adding functionality to a portable electronic device, comprising:
- a housing means sized to be accepted by a housing part of a portable electronic device; and
- securing means for securing said portable electronic device to said housing;
- wherein said securing means includes at least one latch, each latch comprising a first member, a second member, and a third member, each member having a first end and a second end, the first end of the first member connected to the first end of the second member